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SOLDIERS is proud to present This Is Our Army 2005—a pictorial record of the world's greatest Army supporting a nation in the global war on terrorism.

The photographers who share these images from the past year have captured for posterity what it means to be a Soldier. The Soldiers, family members and civilians who are the Army have great stories to tell—stories of service to the nation in Iraq, Afghanistan or elsewhere, of sweating through tough training, of facing tense moments while maintaining peace somewhere in the world, of managing the infinite complexities of running an Army community and of raising Army families.

We thank all who took the time to find and tell those stories in pictures and allow us a glimpse into the daily lives of the men and women who are America's Army. The staff here at Soldiers is proud to tell their stories.

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1 SSG Chris Golde of Task Force 1-21 Infantry patrols a camp for displaced Kurds near Kirkuk, Iraq. — SPC Sean Kimmons

2 SPC Adam Wiltsey of Company B, 1st Battalion, 81st Armored Regiment, hands out candy to Iraqi children near Balad. — Staff Sgt. Shane A. Cuomo, USAF

3 Soldiers raise the flag during a ceremony establishing a U.S. Embassy regional office in Al Hilla, Iraq. — Staff Sgt. Ashley Brokop, USAF

4 SPC Elizabeth Jarry, a dental technician with the 118th Medical Bn., shows an Iraqi girl how to brush her teeth. — SSG David E. Gillespie



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- 1 SPC Pinael Roamel of the Puerto Rico Army National Guard's 215th Engineer Detachment dons his gear. — CPL Benjamin Cossel
- 2 Members of the 353rd Civil Affairs Command conduct convoy-operations training at Fort McCoy, Wis. — Rob Schuette
- 3 A Soldier of the 3rd U.S. Inf. (The Old Guard) from Fort Myer, Va., stands watch over the coffin of former President Ronald Reagan. — PH1 Jon D. Gesch, USN
- 4 Clay King of the Fort McCoy recreation staff adjusts a snow-making machine at the post's Whitetail Ridge Recreation Area. — Rob Schuette
- 5 CPT Matt Smith (*at left*) and his civilian team mates win a bronze medal in the 2003 FISA rowing championships in Milan, Italy. — Joel Rogers



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6 Soldiers of V Corps' 1st Armd. Division stand in formation in Wiesbaden, Germany, during the dedication of a memorial to division Soldiers killed during Operation Iraqi Freedom. — SPC Kristopher Joseph

7 MAJ Trudy Salerno treats a donkey during a medical assistance visit to a village in Afghanistan. — SPC Thomas Bray

8 Soldiers of TF 1st Bn., 14th Inf., re-enlist before heading out on a mission to Najaf from Kirkuk Air Base, Iraq. — SPC Sean Kimmons

9 CPT David Minascheck, a civil-affairs officer with 3rd Bn., 82nd Field Artillery Regt., hands out book bags and handshakes to students in a primary school outside Al Mansour, Iraq. — SPC Al Barrus



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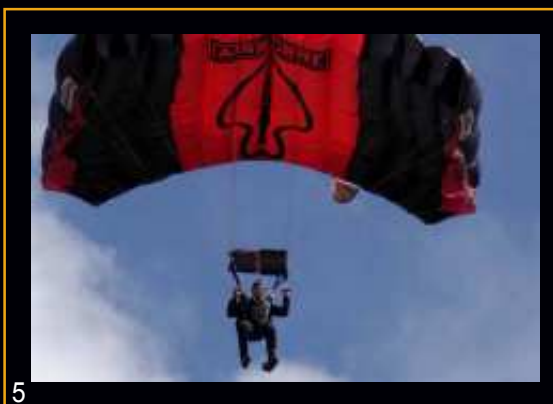


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- 1 SFC Todd Philips of the Army Reserve's 85th Div. crawls through a culvert during cold-weather survival training at Fort McCoy. — Anita Johnson
- 2 Soldiers of the 1st Cavalry Div. cross a bridge spanning Iraq's Tigris River during an early morning operation. — CPL Benjamin Cossel
- 3 A re-enactor slides his saber through a ring during a living history demonstration at Fort Leavenworth, Kan. — Prudence Siebert
- 4 Soldiers of the 367th Engineer Bn. move a "casualty" during an exercise at Fort McCoy. — Lou Ann M. Mittelstaedt



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5 A member of the U.S. Army Special Operations Command parachute team comes in for a landing during an air show at Naval Air Station Oceana, Va. — PH2 Daniel J. McLain, USN

6 SPC Charles Hardesty accompanies an orphan during a visit to a U.S. airfield in Bosnia. — Tech. Sgt. Cecilio Ricardo Jr., USAF

7 Fort Leavenworth garrison commander COL John Towers speaks during a ceremony honoring the Lewis and Clark Expedition. — Prudence Siebert

8 SPC Houston Byrne of the 1088th Engr. Bn. examines his target during an M-16 live fire at the Udairi Range, Kuwait. — SPC Curt Cashour



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- 1 SPC Kristl Tumlinson, a medic, dispenses pain relievers during a medical assistance visit to the village of Sergeron, Iraq. — SPC Sean Kimmons
- 2 Family members await the arrival of Soldiers of the 147th Aviation Bn. at Fort McCoy. — Lou Ann M. Mittelstaedt
- 3 Firefighter Jeff Coniglio congratulates SSG Dan Metzdorf upon the latter's completion of the New York City Marathon. — SGT Lorie Jewell
- 4 SPC Andy Weekly of the 86th Dive Det. prepares for a plunge into the Tigris River near Baghdad to inspect intake valves for a water-treatment plant. — SGT Ann Venturato

- 5 SGT Nicole S. Smith of Headquarters and HQs. Co., 121st Signal Bn., finishes a quilt at the recreation center in Kitzingen, Germany. — SGT Ronald G. Walters
- 6 A UH-60 Black Hawk carries members of the 173rd Airborne Brigade toward a jump zone at Maniago, Italy. — Senior Airman Priscilla Robinson, USAF
- 7 MAJ Byron R. Gaston (*left*) instructs TV show host R. Lee Ermey to fire a Russian-built anti-aircraft gun during a taping for Ermey's show "Mail Call" at Pol-e-Charki, Afghanistan. — SSG Robert R. Ramon
- 8 SSG Christopher Guzaldo (*left*) and SPC Gregory Murphy duke it out during the All-Army Boxing Championships at Fort Huachuca, Ariz. — Tim Hips





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- 1 Ryan Nelsen of the D.C. United pro soccer team greets CPL Dwayne Frost, SPC Antoinette Scott and SGT Timothy Abele before a match. — SGT Lorie Jewell
- 2 Soldiers from the 500th Military Police Det. wrestle with a "demonstrator" during an exercise at Fort Leavenworth. — Prudence Siebert
- 3 Driver Joe Nemechek in the "Army of One" car tries to catch up with other drivers during a race in Richmond, Va. — SGT Reeba Critser
- 4 SGT Shaun Hall of the 147th Avn. Bn. bonds with his infant daughter after his National Guard unit was demobilized at Fort McCoy following its return from overseas. — Lou Ann M. Mittelstaedt

5 Purple Heart medals await award to members of the 39th Brigade Combat Team who were wounded in Iraq. — SSG Rebekah-mae Bruns

6 Members of the All-Army Softball Team greet each other before the All-Army vs. Command and General Staff Officer Course All-Stars game at Fort Leavenworth. — Prudence Siebert

7 Army Vice Chief of Staff GEN Richard A. Cody enlists new recruits during a ceremony in New York City's Times Square. — SGT Reeba Critser

8 SPC Hattie Johnson, a member of the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit at Fort Benning, Ga., practices for an upcoming competition.

— Tim Higgs



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- 1 Soldiers on patrol near Cosici, Bosnia, pass an elderly man sitting on a haystack. — SFC Clinton Wood
- 2 SGT Oscar Wood wrestles Greece's Kostantinos Arkoudeas during the 2004 Olympics in Athens. Wood lost to Arkoudeas 9-3. — MSG Lono Kollars
- 3 CPT Leyla Roman of the 1st Cav. Div. checks out a work station that allows deployed parents to communicate via video teleconference with their children's school teachers or counselors.— SPC Andy Miller
- 4 SGT Ariel King of Co. B, 25th Brigade Support Battalion, uses an acetylene torch to form an antenna brace for a Stryker vehicle at a base in Iraq. — SPC Aaron Ritter
- 5 Members of the Fort Riley, Kan., Commanding General's Color Guard "pencil fight" during an encampment near Fort Leavenworth. — Prudence Siebert



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6 Paratroopers spill from a C-130 during a training drop at Fort Bragg, N.C. — Tech. Sgt. Mike Buytas, USAF

7 Cadets at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y., throw their hats into the air following their graduation. — Tech. Sgt. Jerry Morrison Jr., USAF

8 SPC Brock Tokach loads and SGT Matthew Haller fires during a salute fired by the 500th MP Det. at Fort Leavenworth. — Prudence Siebert

9 SFC Gorge Neuendorf of the 705th MP Bn. at Fort Leavenworth visits with a World War I veteran. — Prudence Siebert



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